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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD; DEPT PASS CAIRO; KUWAIT PASS DOHA AND MUSCAT

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SUBJECT: FAYSAL GIVES MIKKI HALF PROMISE

BEGIN SUMMARY. SPECIAL MISSION CHIEF AND JAPANESE VICE PREMIERS

TAKEO MIKKI, ON THE FIRST OF SEVEN STOPS IN ME, TOLD BY KING

FAYSAL DECEMBER 12 THAT JAPAN WOULD BE SUPPLIED WITH AS MUCH

PETROLEUM AS SHE NEEDS, "INSHALLAH." JAPANESE EVALUATE THIS AS

HALF-PROMISE, FOR RELIEF PERHAPS AFTER JANUARY 1, TAKING INTO

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ACCOUNT MEETING OF ARAB OIL MINISTERS INTRIPOLI NOW SET FOR

CHRISTMAS DAY.

KING MADE MOST OF USUAL POINTS ON ME BUT SEEMED EMPHASIZE IN PARTICULAR THE NEED TO CREATE A PALESTINIAN STATE WITH PALESTINIAN SOVEREIGNTY. HE REITERATED TO JAPANESE NEED FOR TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION COEXISTENCE OF THREE RELIGIOUS GROUPS BUT EXPRESSED CLEAR OPPOSITION TO INTERNATIONALIZATION OF ANY ARAB AREAS. JAPANESE PARTY V KCHMPPWCIALS PLUS EQUAL NUMBER OF TOKYO PRESS VISITING CAIRO, KUWAIT, DAMASCUS, BAGHDAD, QATAR, AND TEHRAN IN THAT ORDER. END SUMMARY

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER BRIEFED US ON RESULTS OF FIRST STOP OF VICE PREMIER TAKEO MIKKI, HEADING 16-MAN DELEGATION TO SEVEN OIL-PRODUCING STATES. MIKKI SAW KING FAYSAL ON DECEMBER 12 FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL OTHER SAUDI OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY BEFORE FLYING OFF TO CAIRO WITH HIS ENTOURAGE OF 16 NEWSMEN AND 30 JAPANESE FLIGHT TECHNICIANS. THE DELEGATION HAD BEEN RUMOURED TO BE EIGHTY STRONG AND HAD ABSORBED MOST OF HOTEL SPACE AVAILABLE IN RIYADH JUST BEFORE THE VISIT OF THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE.

2. JAPANESE EMBOFF SAID THAT MIKKI HAD OPENED BY TELLING KING FAYSAL HE WAS NOT HERE TO BEG FOR OIL, BUT TO EXPLAIN THE SERIOUS POSITION JAPAN FOUND ITSELF IN AS A RESULT OF THE ARAB OIL CUTBACK. HE WENT OVER THE JAPANESE POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST AS SET FORTH IN STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 22 BUT EMBOFF SAID NOTHING NEW AS ADDED.

3. FAYSAL REPLIED MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS: SAG WISHED TO SEE A SEPARATE PALESTINIAN STATE CREATED WITH PALESTINIAN SOVEREIGNTY. THEY WERE AGAINST INTERNTIONALIZATION OF ANY OF THE AREA. TO THOSE PALESTINIANS UNWILLING TO GO BACK TO PALESTINE, COMPENSATION WOULD HAVE TO BE OFFERED. THE COEXISTENCE OF THE THREE RELIGIONS IN THE AREA WOULD NATURALLY HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. TOTAL WITHDRAWAL BY ISRAEL WAS NECESSARY FROM ARAB LANDS OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND 1973. KING WENT ON TO GIVE USUAL LECTURE ON ZIONISM AS THE CAUSE OF ALL OF THE TROUBLES OF THE ME, HARMFUL EVEN TO THE U.S. INTERESTS IN THE REGION. IT WAS THE NATURE OF BOTH COMMUNISM AND ZIONISM TO EXPAND.

4. THE JAPANESE VICE PREMIER TOUCHED ON OIL AND THE PROBLEMS NOT SECRET

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ONLY FOR JAPAN BUT FOR THE ECONOMIES OF FREE ASIA. MANY COUNTRIES DEPENDED ON JAPANESE INDUSTRIES FOR SUPPLIES AND WOULD BE BADLY HURT AND HE CITED SPECIFIC FIGURES ON POSSIBLE DAMAGES, HE THEN MENTIONED THAT JAPAN WAS PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH SAUDI ARABIA IN THE FIELD OF BUILDING INDUSTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF PETROLEUM, REFINING, STEEL, AND MINING. HE OFFERED TO ACCOMMODATE 300 SAUDIS IN JAPANESE TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND SEND UP TO 100 JAPANESE ENGINEERS TO WORK IN SAUDI ARABIA (SUPPOSEDLY AT

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT EXPENSE) IN THE COMING THREE YEARS.

5. FAYSAL MADE A REPLY THAT SURPRISED BOTH HIS ADVISORS AND THE JAPANESE DELEGATION. HE SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA DID NOT WANT TO HURT ANY OF THOSE WHO WOULD BE ITS FRIEND AND THAT HE WOULD SEE TO IT THAT THE JAPANESE RECEIVED QUOTE AS MUCH PETROLEUM AS THEY NEEDED UNQUOTE. HE SAID THAT THIS COULD BE DONE BY JAN. 1974.

6. VICE PREMIER MIKKI WAS INITIALLY ELATED, BUT WENT OVER THE GROUND WITH FAYSAL AGAIN AND RECEIVED A MORE ARAB REPLY THAT INSHALLAH (GOOD WILLING) THIS WOULD BE DONE. MIKKI THEN ASKED A LEADING QUESTION, SAYING THAT HE SUPPOSED SAG WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH THE ARAB STATES AND HE RECEIVED, NOT SURPRISINGLY, A NOD FROM FAYSAL.

7. LATER, WITH MINSTATE SAQQAF AND MININTERIOR PRINCE FAHD, JAPANESE FOUND THEIR PROMISE EVEN MORE ERODED. FAHD SAID THAT THERE WOULD SHORTLY BE A MEETING OF ARAB PETROLEUM MINISTERS (WE ARE TOLD THIS WILL CONVEINE IN TRIPOLI ON CHRISTMAS DAY) AND THAT THEY WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO PROVIDE JAPAN WITH HER NEEDS BUT SIGNIFICANTLY ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE THE PRINCE DID NOT SPECIFY ALL OF HER NEEDS WOULD BE MET. SAQQAF LATER SAID THAT SINCE THE KING HAD SPOKEN, THEY WOULD HAVE TO ACT, AND QUOTE AN APPROPRIATE MEASURE WOULD BE TAKEN AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME UNQUOTE.

8. JAPANESE DELEGATION, WHICH PRESUMABLY INCLUDED SPOKESMEN FOR SPECIFIC INDUSTRIAL JOINT VENTURES WITH SAUDIS, ALSO SPENT TWO HOURS WITH PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL PLANNING AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE. TOKYO MAY WISH TO COMMENT LATER ON RESULTS OF THESE TALKS. COMMENT: SAUDIS HAVE NEVER BEEN EXPECIALLY ENTRANCED WITH JAPANESE IN ANY CASE AND IT WOULD BE OUR FEELING THAT TOKYO'S EFFORTS TO GAIN MORE OIL WILL SUCCEED ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF A GENERAL REMOVAL OF THE EMBARGO AND CUTBACKS.

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